

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 26 of the specification with the following.

As shown in Figure 6, the stencil printing system 100 comprises a line image scanner 1, a tablet editing board 2 with which the user designates the position of a picture on an original, a control panel 3 through which the user inputs a rate of reduction or a rate of enlargement used in resolution conversion to be described later, an image processing section 4 which generates a thermal printer head control signal, a stencil making section 6 provided with a thermal head which image wise perforates a stencil material under the control of the head control signal, and printing section 6 which makes printing using a stencil made by a stencil making section 5.